

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO
EASTERN DIVISION

GEORGE HALEY,

Plaintiff,

-vs-

CMS SECURITY, LLC, et al

Defendants.

CASE NO. 1:12 CV 00712

MEMORANDUM AND ORDER
DENYING THE DEFENDANT'S
MOTION TO DISMISS

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U.S. DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO
EASTERN DIVISION
CLAYTON, OHIO

UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE LESLEY WELLS

The plaintiff George Haley brought this suit against CMS Security, LLC, and Computerized Mudlogging Service, LLC ("Computerized Mudlogging"), seeking relief under the Fair Labor Standards Act, 29 U.S.C. § 201, *et seq.*, and under state law. Computerized Mudlogging presently seeks dismissal of the claims against it pursuant to Federal Rule 12(b)(6). The defendant maintains that the plaintiff has not stated a claim, because it has no employment relationship with him.


The Court must reject Computerized Mudlogging's argument, because it raises a an issue of fact that cannot be resolved on a motion to dismiss. A motion to dismiss for failure to state a claim challenges the sufficiency of the complaint. The complaint is viewed in the light most favorable to the plaintiff, the allegations in the complaint are accepted as true, and all reasonable inferences are drawn in plaintiff's favor. Bassett v. Nat'l Collegiate Athletic Ass'n, 528 F.3d 426, 430 (6th Cir.2008). However, "a legal

conclusion couched as a factual allegation" need not be accepted as true. Bell Atlantic Corp. v. Twombly, 550 U.S. 544, 555 (2007).

Therefore, for the purposes of the defendant's motion, the Court accepts as true the plaintiff's factual allegation that he "was employed by Defendants from on or about September 23, 2010 until on or about August 18, 2011." (See Complaint ¶13). The defendant's denial of this allegation does not form a proper basis for dismissal, in light of the above-stated standard.

Computerized Mudlogging's motion is denied. Its request for additional time to answer is granted. Defendant's answer is due within 14 days from this order's issuance.

IT IS SO ORDERED.


UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

Date: 28 Jan 2013